

SENATE RESOLUTION 8698

By Senator Honeyford

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate, on occasion, recognizes extraordinary volunteer efforts and achievements of Washington citizens; and

WHEREAS, May 2003 marked the 25th year Walter A. George served the Yakima Conservation District as an unpaid district supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Walter A. George also served as the Chairman of the 208 Water Quality Committee for Yakima County, whose work the Governor adopted; and

WHEREAS, Walter A. George additionally served as the director of the Diamond Fruit Growers board, Supervisor of Drainage District #19, Chairman of the Water Quality Committee for the Washington Association of Conservation Districts, and Area President for the South Central Area for the Water Quality Committee; and

WHEREAS, Walter A. George's commitment to serve his community also led him to contribute to the founding of the Washington Asparagus Growers Association, serving as a board member for fifteen years, and five years as President; and

WHEREAS, Since being born in Elberta, Alabama on August 20th, 1924, Walter A. George has resided in the Sunnyside area since 1932; and

WHEREAS, He started farming with his father and brothers in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Walter A. George continues to be an active grower in the Yakima Valley with forty acres of corn and native spearmint under cultivation that he plows, irrigates, and plants; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the countless years of service to his community, Walter A. George honorably served his country in the armed services, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge, and attaining the rank of Sergeant Major, then served 30 years of active service in the United States Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Walter A. George continues to serve his country as the commander of the American Legion, Post 73, and is an active member of the VFW; and

WHEREAS, Walter A. George served as the grand marshal of the 15th annual Country Christmas Lighted Farm Implement Parade for his contributions to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington honor the achievements of Walter A. George as a volunteer, serving his country, community, industry, and state beyond all expectations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Walter A. George, his wife Betty George, his two daughters, as well as his four grandchildren.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8698,
adopted by the Senate
March 3, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.

Secretary of the Senate